

## Senate Resolution No. 11

**Introduced by Senators Chesbro, Aanestad, Ackerman, Alarcon, Alpert, Ashburn, Battin, Bowen, Brulte, Burton, Cedillo, Denham, Ducheny, Dunn, Escutia, Figueroa, Florez, Hollingsworth, Johnson, Karnette, Knight, Kuehl, Machado, McClintock, McPherson, Morrow, Murray, Oller, Ortiz, Poochigian, Romero, Scott, Sher, Soto, Torlakson, Vasconcellos, and Vincent**

### Relative to Cover the Uninsured

WHEREAS, 74.7 million Americans, nearly one out of three people in the United States under 65 years of age, went without health insurance for all or part of the two-year period of 2001-02; and

WHEREAS, 11.1 million Californians, 35.5 percent of those under 65 years of age, do not have health insurance; and

WHEREAS, Eight out of 10 of the uninsured Californians are in working families that cannot afford health insurance and that are not eligible for public programs that would provide health insurance; and

WHEREAS, Uninsured Americans generally have higher incidences of sickness and die at a younger age than insured Americans because they are forced to go without necessary health care; and

WHEREAS, A slow economy, higher unemployment, and rising health costs mean that more Californians are becoming uninsured; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate recognizes the urgency of seeking solutions to one of America's greatest problems. Accordingly, the Senate commends Cover the Uninsured for its tireless efforts on behalf of Californians during Cover the Uninsured Week March 10 to 16, 2003; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Senate Resolution No. 11 read and adopted by the Senate March 10, 2003.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate

